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TIMBER INDUSTRY GETS READY FOR FALL AND WINTER SEASON

The leading fellers of the timber industry are engaging in a socialist competition for fulfilling and exceeding the plan for the fall and winter season. During the current season, timber transport mechanization will be increased by more than 30 percent in comparison with last season. More than half of the timber will be transported by tractor, truck, and steam locomotive.

However, preparations for the fall and winter season have been inadequate. Construction and repair of living quarters were not finished in the Karelo-Finnish SSR and in Vologda, Kirov, and other oblasts. The logging road construction plan was not fulfilled in Khabarovsk, Krasnoyarsk, and Altay krais and in Tomsk and Tyumen oblasts, although timber transport there is to increase this year. Narrow-gauge railroad construction was far from completed in the Ukrainian SSR. Construction of stables for kolkhoz horses lagged in the Komi and Mari ASSRs and in Sverdlovsk Oblast. Tractor and repair work bogged down in Arkhangel'sk and Vologda oblasts.

Special emphasis is to be placed on the production of commercial timber. This year, the oblasts, krays, and republics which exceed their seasonal task will receive a part of the excess production for their own local needs. Not less than one half of the bonus will be given to the kolkhozes which take part in timber felling.

Leninskoye Znamya, No 196, 4 Oct 49

The Shuysko-Vidanskiy Timber Management has received new electric saws, electric power plants, three-drum winches, trucks, KT-12 tractors, and truck cranes for the beginning of the fall and winter season.

The Malen'gskiy Timber Management is obligated to produce 117,000 cubic meters of timber during the current fall and winter season.

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Leninskoye Znamya, No 197, 5 Oct 49

During the fall and winter season, the Virenozere Timber Management has the task of cutting and transporting 118,000 cubic meters of timber.

CHUNA FOREST BEING EXPLOITED -- Pravda, No 245, 2 Sep 49

The middle course of the Chuna River is heavily forested. This year, exploitation of this forest has begun. Loggers equipped with the latest equipment have arrived and the timber managements have received more than 200 types of machinery. Several thousand cubic meters of timber have already been sent out of the Chuna Forest.

Logging settlements with electric power plants, public radio reception centers, schools, and clubs have sprung up.

SKIDDING OPERATIONS SPEEDED UP -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 219, 16 Sep 49

Molotov -- A new method of sky-line timber skidding, introduced by Engineer Raskin, has been employed at the Brogovskiy Timber Center. The installation is operated by four workers and speeds up operations two times.

The sky-line timber skidding method is being used at not easily accessible working locations abounding in gullies, swamps, and streams.

LETTER PRODUCES RESULTS -- Izvestiya, No 235, 5 Oct 49

With reference to a letter published in this newspaper on 24 August 1949 under the headline "How the Ministry is Supervising the Severoles Trust," Vice-Minister Men'shikov of the Ministry of Wood and Paper Industry USSR informs the editors that the ministry is speeding up logging operations in the northern regions so as to supply the Arkhangel'sk lumber mills more adequately.

At the Arkhangel'sk lumber mills, organizational and technical measures which will increase labor productivity and create normal working conditions have been taken.

One hundred and fifty wood-working machines and 400 circular saws have been set aside for the Severoles Trust.

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